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[0056] In addition, the speech or music detection may be used to determine whether the audio data comprises foreground or background audio. One method of foreground/background determination is discussed in the co-pending patent application serial number 10/020,255 to the same inventor, and is incorporated herein by reference. However, other suitable methods may be employed. This determination may be used to segment the video data. Therefore, the speech or music detection of the invention may also be used for segmenting the video data, and may further be used for segmenting the video data into semantically meaningful scenes.

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing preliminary amendment be entered prior to consideration on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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